THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The amount of grant released to the Government of Assam towards salary of teachers appointed under OBB scheme, utilization status and outstanding balance, during the last three years, year-wise, is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Grants Released	Grants Utilized	Unspent Balance
2000-01	2305.79	2305.79	Nill
2001-02	1523.25	1523.25	Nil
2002-03	793.93	793.93	Nil

(d) Like other plan schemes, the liabilities including that of the continuity of service of the teachers appointed under OBB scheme was to be borne by Government of Assam after the expiry of Ninth plan period. However, the Planning Commission, as an exception for North Eastern States, including Assam, decided to meet the expenditure on the salaries of the teachers appointed under the scheme for the Tenth plan period from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as per the norms.

Children with mental problems in schools and colleges

418. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children with mental health problems in various schools and colleges in the country;

(b) what is the number of identified handicapped children in various schools;

(c) whether our human resource personnel in schools are well equipped to deal with these handicapped children; and

(d) whether Government have any plans to identify such handicapped children in our schools and provide them specialized atmosphere so that they can blossom out well and contribute to nation building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As this Department is dealing with the Centrally

Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) for the integration and retention of the children with disabilities of mild to moderate nature upto Senior Secondary level, the percentage of children with mental health problems in various colleges and schools are not available with this Department. However under this Scheme, more than two lakh disabled children of mild to moderate nature in the categories of visual impairment, hearing impairment, mental retardation and orthopaedic impairment have benefited till the last financial year. Under this Scheme, special teachers trained in multi-category special education and general teachers oriented to special education are appointed to deal with the disabled children in the normal schools. The disabled children are provided various aids and appliances. The resource centres at cluster level provide for expertise, equipment etc. This Scheme provides for conducting survey for disabled children for integration in the regular schools. The implementing agencies are provided financial assistance for the purpose of identification of the disabled children. State Governments/UTs are regularly addressed to identify and integrate more and more disabled children in regular schools in good environment.

Ragging incidents in colleges

419. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI :
SHRI AMAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ragging incidents of new students in colleges in the Capital and other adjoining States are taking place every year despite the fact that ragging has been banned by Government;

(b) if so, what is the number of incidents reported during the current year in the Capital; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the management of such colleges and also against the students found guilty of ragging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Some cases of ragging in educational institutions